



## **FAQ'S:**

### **What is the Governing Board?**

*The Governing Board adopts policies, procedures, rules and regulations that promote clean air within its jurisdiction. Federal and state law mandates that the District achieve clean air standards to protect public health. The Governing Board encourages and considers comments from the public before it makes decisions that affect local industry and residents. The Governing Board meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the District headquarters in Victorville, California.*

### **Who serves on the Governing Board/how are members selected?**

*The Governing Board has 14 members. Thirteen are elected officials and one is a public member. Four are county supervisors - three representing San Bernardino County and one representing Riverside County.*

### **Where the public fits in.**

*At each meeting there is a section to receive public comment and the public is very much a part of the meeting process. Public workshops held weeks prior to the adoption of various rules and regulations give you the opportunity to learn about proposed rules and/or policies. Written reports on rules or policies are available prior to the Board Meetings and anyone can testify on any item pending before the Board.*

### **How to testify at meetings or submit public comment.**

*You may testify on a particular item on the agenda at the time that item is being discussed before the Board. You may also testify on a non-agenda item under the general "Public Comment" period. You will need to fill out a "Public Comment Form" available in the Board Chambers and give it to the Board Clerk. The Chairman will call your name at the appropriate time and you will be required to step up to the microphone and testify. The Chairman has the discretion to give you additional time if the issue is complex or if the Board has questions. If you have prepared written comments along with your testimony, bring an adequate amount of copies with you to give to the Board Clerk along with your "Public Comment Form" and each member will receive a copy. After all testimony on a proposed rule has been heard, the Chairman will close the public hearing and the Board Members will vote on the item.*

### **Obtaining Information on Upcoming Meetings.**

*The agenda and other meeting materials are typically available one week prior to the meeting and are posted on our website and at the District offices. If you would like to obtain copies of agenda documents or additional information on a particular agenda item, contact the Clerk of the Board at 760-245-1661, ext. 5040.*

**What if I Can't Attend?**

*Written comments regarding an item on the Board agenda should be sent to the Clerk of the Board at the District, and must be received at least one calendar day prior to the meeting date.*

**ADA Accommodation.**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in the Board Meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board during regular business hours (we are closed every other Friday) at 760.245.1661 x5040. Notification received 48 business hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable accommodations.*

**Meeting Calendar for 2005.**

*The Board typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers at the MDAQMD offices in Victorville, CA. Closed sessions are typically held at the end of the meeting. Occasionally meetings are cancelled and a Cancellation Notice will be posted on the website. Exceptions are noted below.*

**2005**

*January 24*

*February 28*

*March 28*

*April 25*

*May 23*

*June 27*

*July 25*

*August 22*

*September 26*

*October 24*

*November 28*

*December 26 **Cancelled***